

***This sheet must be completed once each school year and returned to the FHS Athletic Office BEFORE practices start!***

**STUDENT NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **GRADE** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT NAME(S)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fairfield Jr.-Sr. High School Athletic Code of Conduct  
Pledge and Agreement**

I have read the Fairfield Junior-Senior High School Athletic Code of Conduct and understand the consequences of my actions if I violate any of the policies outlined in the Code of Conduct. I understand that the Athletic Code of Conduct is in effect 24 hours per day, and 12 months a year.

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Signature of Student-Athlete

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Grade

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Date

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I have read the Fairfield Junior-Senior High School Athletic Code of Conduct and understand the consequences if my son/daughter violates any of the policies outlined in the Code of Conduct. As a parent, I will be cooperative and supportive of this Athletic Code of Conduct.

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Signature of Parent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Parent's Name Printed

**PARENTAL INSURANCE STATEMENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**PARENT  
SIGN HERE**  
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Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

We acknowledge that we have received a copy of the information regarding student health and accident insurance contained on page 11 of the Code of Conduct.

**PHOTO/PUBLICATION RELEASE**

In an effort to keep our patrons informed of our educational programs, sometimes students/staff are photographed. Occasionally photos or other media are used in newsletters, programs, or other publications for Fairfield Community Schools or for newspaper publication.

Student \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGN IN ONE OF  
THESE BOXES**  
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By signing this form in the space provided below, I give my permission for my child, whose name appears above, to be photographed in the school setting.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

I DO NOT give my permission for my child, whose name appears above, to be photographed in the school setting.

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(Parent/Guardian signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)



# Fairfield Junior - Senior High School: Athletic Code Of Conduct

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**PARENTS: PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FRONT PAGE IS A PARENTAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM THAT NEEDS TO BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY AND RETURNED TO THE FAIRFIELD ATHLETIC OFFICE PRIOR TO THE START OF PRACTICES!!!**

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## Philosophy

Through their athletic experiences, student-athletes can learn teamwork, responsibility, self-discipline, dedication, and accountability. Participation in interscholastic athletics is a privilege, not a right, and carries with it responsibility and sacrifice on the part of the student-athlete. Realizing that all student-athletes represent their school to the community, the conduct of the student-athlete in and out of school should bring credit on the school and community, and create a positive influence on the discipline, order, morale, and educational environment of the school and community. Athletics provide experiences which help a student-athlete develop physically, mentally, socially, and emotionally.

## Section I - Athletic Code and General Regulations

The Fairfield Junior-Senior High School Athletic Code has been approved by the Athletic Council, Superintendent, and School Board. The Athletic Council is made up of the Principal, Assistant Principal, Athletic Director, Coaches - both Head and Assistant, and one member of the school board.

The conduct of the student-athlete in and out of school shall be such as to bring credit to the school and create a positive influence on the discipline, order, moral, and educational environment of the school.

The Athletic Council expects student-athletes to complete the season they are in and encourages student-athletes to participate in the same sport year after year.

If a student-athlete participates in a sport and then elects to withdraw in order to participate in another sport, before the first sport season in which he/she participated in is complete, a mandatory meeting will be held with the coaches, Athletic Director, Student-athlete involved, and parents of the Student-athlete involved to determine eligibility.

Quality equipment is provided in each sport. Student-athletes are expected to take care of this equipment and return it in good condition at the end of the season. Student-athletes must pay for the replacement cost of the equipment which is not returned. Equipment is to be used only at the times indicated by the coaches.

## Section II - Academic Requirements

### A. High School Student-Athletes -

1. **IHSAA Bylaw; Rule 18, Section I** - To be eligible scholastically, high school student-athletes must have received passing grades at the end of their last grading period in school in at least five (5) full credit subjects, or the equivalent, and must be currently enrolled in at least five (5) full credit subjects or the equivalent. Semester grades take precedence. Also all Incomplete Grades (I's) must be completed and a Grade recorded within one week from the end of the nine weeks or the class cannot be considered as a passing class (exception: at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester, then Incomplete Grades must have a grade recorded within 5 school days of the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester for the class to be considered as passing).
2. In addition to IHSAA eligibility, all High School student-athletes will have grades monitored at progress reports and at the end of each nine week grading period. If a High School student is earning at least one F at the time of an official grade check (Progress Report and End of Quarter), the student will be assigned to **a mandatory after school study table** until the student raises and maintains all grades higher than an F for a minimum of two weeks. During this time, students participating in study table may participate in activities. If they do not participate in assigned study tables, they will not be allowed to participate in activities for those two weeks. Any Student, after two weeks, still earning 1 F will be required to continue attending study tables but may continue participating in contest/special events. Any student earning multiple Fs who has attended the two week study session will be required to continue attending the study tables but will not be eligible to participate in contest/special events until all grades are passing.

### B. Junior High Student-Athletes

1. To be scholastically eligible to participate in activities, Junior High students must pass all their courses at the end of each nine week grading period and at each mid-grading period progress report.
2. If a Junior High student fails any courses, he/she will be placed on academic probation for two weeks and will be assigned to **a mandatory after school study table** (if they do not participate in assigned study tables, they will not be allowed to participate in activities for those two weeks). That student may practice and play in contests during this time (however, they must go to the mandatory study table before going to practices or contests). If that student is passing all their courses at the end of the two-week period, he/she may continue to practice and participate in contests. Any Student, after two weeks, still earning 1 F will be required to continue attending study tables but may continue participating in contest/special events. Any student earning multiple Fs who has attended the two week study session will be required to continue attending the study tables but will not be eligible to participate in contest/special events until all grades are passing.

### Section III - Coaches

At the heart of this Athletic Code is the coach. For this policy to be effective, the coach must have a positive relationship with each student-athlete. The coach must confront the student-athlete when behavior is unacceptable and report the confrontation to the Athletic Director when behavior is a violation of the Athletic Code of Conduct.

### Section IV - Parent Meeting

At the beginning of each season, a mandatory meeting will be held for Parents, Student-Athletes, and Coaches of a sport.

One focus of this meeting will be Sportsmanship issues. Discussion will focus on acceptable behaviors and actions by Coaches, Parents, and Student-Athletes in the Athletic setting. Fairfield High School believes strongly that Good Sportsmanship is the cornerstone to all Athletic Activity. Fairfield High School will continue to strive to exhibit Good Sportsmanship at all times.

Another purpose of the meeting is to review the Athletic Code and Drug Testing Policy and have the parents and student-athletes sign the "Athletic Code Pledge and Agreement". A student-athlete will not be permitted to practice until the parents and student-athletes have signed this form. This meeting will also be used for the coaches to go over the rules and expectations of their individual sports and the inherent risks in a particular sport.

### Section V - School Attendance

A student-athlete must be in attendance **a minimum of SIX (6) FULL class periods of the day** in order to participate in **practice or a game**, unless excused by the principal or his/her designee. The day following a contest, the student-athlete is expected to be in school the full day. By staying home to rest after an athletic contest, having excessive absences, and/or having excessive tardies a student-athlete puts sports ahead of academic progress; which is unacceptable to the Fairfield Junior-Senior High School Athletic Department.

A conference with the parents, student-athlete, coach, Assistant Principal, and Athletic Director may be held after the student-athlete has reported late to school two times the day after an athletic contest.

### Section VI – Bullying and Harassment

All members will respect the rights and dignity of others. Any taunting, name-calling, bullying, or harassment will not be tolerated and is cause for disciplinary action.

**BULLYING IAC 20-33-8:** Indiana law defines “bullying” as overt, repeated acts or gestures, including verbal or written communications transmitted, physical acts committed, or any other behaviors committed by a student or group of students against another student with the intent to harass, ridicule, humiliate, intimidate, or harm the other student.” Educational efforts are ongoing in classrooms for the identification, prevention, and response students should take toward bullying. Special emphasis is placed on proactive actions to prevent bullying. Bullying is prohibited at Fairfield Jr.-Sr. High school and is subject to discipline procedures and consequences outlined below, district policy, and law. Unacceptable behavior includes bullying on school grounds immediately before or during school hours, immediately after school hours or any other time when the school is being used by a school group; off school grounds at a school activity, function, or event; traveling to or from school or a school activity, function or event; or using property or equipment provided by the school. A student who is a victim of bullying is expected to report such actions to school personnel. Acts of bullying are investigated, report, interventions taken and parents involved consistent with the school discipline plan.

Depending upon the severity or repetitiveness of the offense, any of the following disciplinary options may be used in an attempt to correct the situation.

1. School administration will be notified.
2. Warning and parent contact.
3. Temporary loss of eligibility, completion of reflection sheet and parent contact
4. Watch bullying video and complete reflection questions
5. Recommended expulsion for remainder of season
6. If behavior continues after expulsion from activity, participation in all extra-curricular
7. activities could be jeopardized.

### Section VII – Random Drug Testing Program

Fairfield Jr-Sr High School has established a mandatory Random Drug Testing program. All Student-Athletes will be required to participate in the Random Drug Testing Program in order to participate in athletics.

If a Student-Athlete is selected for a Random Drug test and if the Student-Athlete tests positive, that positive test will be reported to the Testing Coordinator for Fairfield Jr-Sr High School (A refusal to take a test when selected for testing is treated as a Positive Test). The Student-Athlete will need to follow the procedures outlined in the Random Drug Testing Policy. If those procedures are followed, the Student-Athlete will not be suspended from any contests. However, any further positive drug tests (or refusal to take a test when selected) or further violations of Section VII C of the Athletic Code of Conduct will result in the Student-Athlete being punished as though the offense was a “Second or Subsequent Offense”.

## Section VIII - Athletic Training Rules

- A. Student-Athletes must remember that each Head Coach may choose to establish additional team rules and regulations not covered in this policy, that apply to his/her specific team, provided the coaches rules are reasonable, lawful, and not in conflict with the policies and regulations of the school and school corporation. These written rules will be turned into the Athletic Director for approval prior to the first practice of the season. Student-Athletes are expected to observe these rules, as well as, any listed here. All rules will be discussed with the squad at the first practice session. The student-athlete and parent will both sign an acknowledgment form stating that they agree to follow these team rules.
- B. The student-athlete is expected to behave a way that reflects in a positive way on himself/herself and on his/her school. Unacceptable behavior includes, but is not limited to: disruptive behavior, disrespectful behavior towards other students or staff, theft, vandalism, harassment, or any other conduct that is not in accord with acceptable behavior or law. If the student-athlete violates acceptable behavior or law, he/she will be punished. The following categories need not be progressive. The punishment is dependent on the seriousness and number of times of the violation.

### 1. WARNING

This is an official notice from the Athletic Director that the conduct of the student-athlete is a violation and is not acceptable.

### 2. PROBATION

Any student who violates any provision of this policy shall be considered to be on probation for a period of up to 365 days (1 calendar year) from the date that the violation occurred. A second or subsequent violation of any training rule, while on probation, may result in a student being suspended. This will be administered by the Athletic Director.

### 3. SUSPENSION

Prevents a student-athlete from participating in athletics for a specific number of contests. Suspension may run in length from one game to 365 days (1 calendar year). After a suspension, if the student-athlete finishes the season in good standing, the coach has discretion to give the student-athlete letter awards as well as team awards. This penalty will be administered by the Athletic Director.

### 4. EXCLUSION (Felony)

Any student-athlete convicted of a felony at any time shall be excluded from participation for one (1) calendar year from the date of conviction. **THERE IS NO POSSIBLE REDUCTION IN THIS PENALTY.** This penalty will be administered by the Athletic Director.

These four punishment forms are not necessarily progressive. The punishment is dependent on the seriousness of the offense and can consist of one or any combination of these methods. Violations of tobacco, alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, look-alikes, or intoxicants in any form will be treated in SECTION VII C and will not follow the above procedures. If a student legally moves into the Fairfield School District and is under an athletic suspension, Fairfield will honor the previous school's suspension of that student-athlete.

- C. Violation of Section VII C below will follow the procedures laid out in this section. Student-Athletes shall not at any time, including out-of-season, school vacations, ect.:
1. knowingly use, illegally possess, transmit tobacco, or possess any nicotine-delivery product in any form;
  2. knowingly use, illegally possess, transmit, or be under the influence of any alcoholic beverages in any form;
  3. knowingly use, illegally possess, or transmit illegal performance enhancing drugs in any form;
  4. knowingly use, illegally possess, or transmit any illegal drug (a narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, look-alike, or other such drug as defined by law) or intoxicants in any form,
  5. be in attendance at an activity where alcoholic beverages and/or controlled substances are in the illegal possession, being illegally used, or being illegally consumed by other individuals present.
  6. Anyone who has information on rules violation of this code must turn this information in to the Principal or Athletic Director of Fairfield Junior-Senior High School within thirty (30) days of the incident. Otherwise the violation will not be considered unless there are provable extenuating circumstances.

#### NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE FOLLOWING LEAVING AN ACTIVITY WHERE INDIVIDUALS HAVE ILLEGALLY POSSESSED USED, OR CONSUMED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND/OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES:

If a student-athlete attends an activity where alcoholic beverages and/or controlled substances are discovered to be in the illegal possession, use, or consumption of other individuals present, the student-athlete is to leave immediately. If the student-athlete cannot find a way home, he/she should call his/her parents, coach, relatives, or other friends to secure transportation home. When the student-athlete arrives home, the student-athlete and/or parents are to call his/her coach. If the coach is not home, the student-athlete and/or his/her parents are to call either their coach, the Athletic Director (574-831-5832) or the Principal (574-527-9077). The student-athlete will be asked at a later time the circumstances of the activity they attended; however, they are free to disclose what they choose (beside their attendance and leaving the event). If the student-athlete fails to make notification as outlined above, the student-athlete shall be disciplined following the steps outlined in Section VIII C.

If the student-athlete fails to leave the party or activity as required above, the student-athlete shall be disciplined following the steps outlined in Section VIII C.

### **FIRST OFFENSE OF SECTION VIII C (Parts 1-5)**

A student-athlete who violates the rules outlined in Section VII C, parts 1-5 (a first violation occurs when a violation or violations are first **reported and confirmed** by the Athletic Director), shall be suspended for one-half (1/2) of the season in which he/she is currently participating. If the violation occurs with less than half of the season remaining, the remainder of the suspension will carry into the next sport in which the student-athlete participates. If the violation occurs out of the season, the student-athlete will be suspended for one-half (1/2) of the next sport season in which he/she participates. Student-athletes are expected to practice, attend games out of uniform, and complete their season, if the games missed are to count towards fulfilling a suspension. After a suspension, if the student-athlete finishes the season in good standing, the coach has the discretion to give the student-athlete letter awards as well as team awards.

### **SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES OF SECTION VII C (Part 1-5)**

A student-athlete who has been previously punished for a violation of Section VII C (Part 1-5) and again violates (reported and confirmed by the Athletic Director) **any** of the rules contained in Section VII C shall be suspended for one calendar year from the date of the violation. The second violation need not be a violation of the same rule (for example, violation #1 could be tobacco and violation #2 could be alcohol).

#### **THE PROMOTION OF HONESTY (First Offense Option)**

We believe that personal honesty, responsibility, and integrity are characteristics of good citizenship. To promote these characteristics when a student-athlete has committed a violation, a student-athlete who upon their first violation of the athletic policies outlined in Section VII C regarding tobacco, alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, look-alikes, or intoxicants in any form voluntarily, freely admits (comes in on their own to admit prior to initial questioning) the violation to their coach, the athletic director, the assistant principal, or the principal shall have the consequences for that first violation waived, providing they seek a professional drug and alcohol assessment by an organization approved by the school, after notification of the parent or guardian. The student-athlete must follow the recommendation(s) of the assessment. A copy of the assessment must be submitted to the Athletic Director. Expenses for the program are the sole responsibility of the student-athlete or his/her parent(s) or guardian. The Student-Athlete will also be subject to a drug test (at their expense) once a period of time has elapsed for any substances to clear from their system. However, any further positive drug tests or further violations of Section VII C of the Athletic Code of Conduct will result in the Student-Athlete being punished as though the offense was a "Second or Subsequent Offense".

#### **ATHLETIC ASSESSMENT (First Offense Option)**

\* A student-athlete found to be in violation of SECTION VII C, may elect to have his/her punishment reduced to one-third (1/3) of the participating season by undergoing a professional drug and alcohol assessment by an organization approved by the school, after notification of the parent or guardian. The student-athlete must follow the recommendation(s) of the assessment. A copy of the assessment must be submitted to the Athletic Director. Expenses for the program are the sole responsibility of the student-athlete or his/her parent(s) or guardian.

\* This option will only apply to the first one-half (1/2) season suspension of the student-athlete.

\* In case the treatment continues longer than one-third (1/3) of the season, the student-athlete may return to competition if he/she remains in good standing within the approved self-help program.

- D. If a student-athlete is suspended during a season, the student-athlete is expected to practice and attend games (out of uniform) for the remainder of the suspension, or until the end of the season, whichever comes first. If a student-athletes' suspension carries over to the next season, the student-athlete may tryout for the team. If selected to be on the team by the coach, the student-athlete is expected to practice and attend games (out of uniform) for the remainder of the suspension, or until the end of the season, whichever comes first.
- E. A student-athlete who violates Section VII: A, B, or C and is suspended, will be considered fully eligible if he/she has stayed in compliance with the code during the suspension.

### **Section IX - Investigation of an Alleged Violation and Imposition of a Penalty.**

Coaches are responsible for enforcing all of the training rules. A coach and the athletic director must confront a student-athlete concerning a training violation and its consequences. If they determine that the student-athlete has violated the training rules, they must inform the student-athlete of the punishment for the violation (the Assistant Principal will also be informed at this point).

The athletic director must make a written contact with the student-athlete's parent or guardian within three days after the student-athlete has been notified of the punishment for the training rule violation, and the Athletic Director shall offer to meet with the parent or guardian and the coach to explain the consequences of the situation. Such a meeting, if requested by the parent or guardian, shall take place as soon as may be mutually convenient.

## Section X - Appeal Process

A student-athlete who has an alleged violation of Section VI C may only appeal a finding of guilt, but may not appeal the length of the suspension.

### A. FIRST APPEAL

Any athlete who is penalized, or his/her parents, may request an appeals hearing by notifying the Principal in writing; within 5 days after the receipt of written notification of the athletic suspension.

A hearing panel consisting of up to 5 faculty members will be selected by the Principal. (If the Principal is not available, the Assistant Principal shall assume the Principal's responsibility.)

### B. SECOND APPEAL

Any athlete or his/her parents whose appeal has been reviewed by the hearing panel may request an appeals hearing before the Superintendent by so notifying the Superintendent in writing within 5 days of the receipt of written notification of the hearing panel's decision.

### C. THIRD APPEAL

Any athlete or his/her parents whose appeal has been reviewed by the Superintendent may request an appeals hearing before the School Board by so notifying its President in writing within 5 days of the receipt of written notification of the Superintendent's decision.

## Section XI - IHSAA

Student-athletes are required to abide by the rules of the Indiana High School Athletic Association of which Fairfield Junior-Senior High School is a member. IHSAA Rules and By-Laws can be found at [www.ihsaa.org](http://www.ihsaa.org).

## Section XII - Length of Rules

- A. Rules are in effect at all times, 24 hours per day, and 12 months of the year. A student-athlete is one who has established participant status by securing a position on an athletic team as a player, manager, trainer, cheerleader, or statistician. When a student becomes a member of a team, he/she becomes a student-athlete and will maintain that status as long as he/she is a student at Fairfield Jr.-Sr. High School.
- B. For Junior High School Student-Athletes, this code goes into effect when the student-athlete enrolls in the seventh grade (or at the start of their first sport at Fairfield Jr. High School as a sixth grader) and continues until the last day of his/her eighth grade year.
- C. For High School Student-Athletes, this code goes into effect following the last day of his/her eighth grade year and continues until the last day of competition in his/her senior year.
  1. No previous offenses of this code will be considered when a student-athlete starts their high school career (following the last day of his/her eighth grade year).
  2. Students who have completed their eighth grade year will not receive this "Clean Slate" until they have completed any previous probation and/or suspensions.
  3. Once a student-athlete has committed a first violation of Section VI C (Parts 1-5) in their Junior High School career, the next violation of this code in their Junior High School career, will be considered a "Second or Subsequent Offense of Section VI C (Parts 1-5).
  4. Once a student-athlete has committed a first violation of Section VI C (Parts 1-5) in their High School career, the next violation of this code in their High School career, will be considered a "Second or Subsequent Offense of Section VI C (Parts 1-5).
  5. "CLEAN SLATE" Any Student-Athlete who violates any portion of Section VII C of the Athletic Code of Conduct will be placed on "Athletic Probation" for one calendar year (365 days) following the completion of any athletic suspension. If a Student-Athlete does not commit any violation of the Athletic Code during that 365-day period, the student-athlete may apply for a "Clean Slate". This ONE TIME "Clean Slate" will result in that student returning to having no offenses on their Athletic record. This is a onetime occurrence during an athletic career.

### Section XIII – Social Media Guidelines for Student-Athletes

1. Be careful with how much and what kind of identifying information you post on social networking sites. IT is unwise to make available information such as full date of birth, social security number, address, phone number, cell phone numbers, class schedules, bank account information, or details about your daily routine. All these can facilitate identity theft or stalking. Remember, once posted the information becomes the property of the web site!
2. Be aware that potential current and future employers and college admissions offices often access information you place on online social networking sites. Realize that any information you post will provide an image of you to prospective employers and/or schools. The posting is considered public information. Protect yourself by maintaining a self-image that you can be proud of years from now.
3. Be careful in responding to unsolicited emails asking for passwords or PIN numbers. Reputable businesses do not ask for this information online.
4. Do not have a false sense of security about your rights to freedom of speech. Understand that freedom of speech is not unlimited. Social networking sites are not a place where you can say and do whatever you want without repercussions.
5. Remember that photos once put on a social networks site's server become the property of the site. You may delete the photo from your profile, but it still stays in their server. Internet search engines like Google or Yahoo may still find that image long after you have deleted it from your profile. Think long and hard about what type of photo you want to represent you.

With those ideas in mind, these guidelines require that student-athletes:

Protect and enhance the value of Falcon Pride; avoid making derogatory comments about athletics, students, faculty or employees and protect confidential information.

Be aware that readers and followers on social media sites include media, past, current and future student-athletes, students, faculty, administrators, alumni, parents, coaches and community members as well as current/past/future employers. It is essential that student-athletes portray Fairfield in a positive manner at all times.

Think before they post and anticipate how all the third parties that will see that post may react to it.

Examples of inappropriate posts (*Please note: These may also involve violations of Section VII C of the Athletic Code and be subject to the punishments listed in Section VII C*):

- a. Posting photos, videos, comments, posts or tweets showing the personal use of alcohol and or tobacco products (no holding cups, cans, shot glasses etc.).
- b. Posting photos, videos, and comments that are sexual in nature. This includes links to Web sites of a pornographic nature and other inappropriate material.
- c. Posting pictures, videos, comments, posts and tweets that relate to drugs or drug paraphernalia.
- d. ANY inappropriate or offensive language in comments, videos and other postings. This includes threats of violence and derogatory comments against race, gender, team affiliates or any other organizations.
- e. Posting negative commentary regarding the performance of Falcon athletic teams or relating to the actions of an individual student-athlete, as well as any negative postings about team information (long bus rides, early morning practices etc.)

1<sup>st</sup> offenses involving inappropriate use of Social Media will be addressed by the team coach and subject to team discipline. Subsequent offenses involving inappropriate use of Social Media will be addressed by the Athletic Director and subject to further consequences.



## EXTRA CURRICULAR CONFLICTS

The following basic guidelines shall be used in determining appropriate resolutions to conflicting performance schedules:

1. Scheduled IHSAA tournaments; ISSA Division of Student Activities contests (including academic competitions, music competitions and contests, National Honor Society induction, etc.), FFA state or national contests, dress rehearsal and production of the school musical and play, including travel time, shall have the #1 precedence. If the conflict is between two of these activities, the student shall make the choice without penalty.
2. Regularly scheduled games, contests, and major performances beyond item #1 shall be the #2 priority. A previously scheduled event on the official school calendar will take precedence over a calendar addition or re-scheduled event.
3. The importance of the students' participation is the success of the total group performance. If a problem arises that the involved staff members are unable to resolve, the assistant principal shall be contacted for a final resolution. This policy pertains to all **extra-curricular activities**.

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**Students will be permitted to participate on only one In-Season Athletic Team per season (Fall, Winter, Spring). If a Student-Athlete is cut from a squad, they may try out for another team in that season, with permission of the coach of that squad.**

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### Other Helpful Information:

\*High School Student Athletes transferring to Fairfield from another high school must fill out a transfer eligibility form for the IHSAA and the IHSAA must approve this transfer prior to that transfer student competing in contests for Fairfield High School. See the athletic office for more details.

\*High School Student-Athletes participating on an out-of-school team, out of season, may not have more than three students from Fairfield on their roster. If you are in doubt, ask your coach or contact the Athletic Office before signing up to participate.

\*Student-Athletes and Injuries:

- 1] If an athlete misses five or more consecutive days of practice due to illness or injury, he/she need a physicians note to return to practice (even if they are in attendance at school). Physicians releases to return to practice (notes) must be turned into the training room for documentation. In addition, any athlete who is kept out of practice by a physician due to injury, must be released by a physician, and that release to return to practice (notes) must be turned into the training room for documentation.
- 2] Any athlete missing **five or more consecutive** days of practice due to illness or injury, needs to have 4 or 6 days of practice before returning to competition. The chart below summarizes this information.

Consecutive Practice Days Missed	Number of Practice Days needed <b>before</b> competing in games
5 - 10 days	4 Practice <b>Days</b>
More than 10 consecutive days	6 Practice <b>Days</b>

Also note, a “missed practice” is considered a practice a student-athlete could not participate in due to illness or injury; just observing a practice does not count as practicing.

## 2020-2021 Awards Recognition Evenings:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Group(s)</u>
Mon. Oct. 26 .....	6:30 pm .....	JH Fall Sports Awards Recognition Evening
Thurs. Nov. 5 .....	6:30 pm .....	HS Fall Sports Awards Recognition Evening
Mon. Feb. 1 .....	6:30 pm .....	JH Winter Sports Awards Recognition Evening (Boys Basketball, Cheer)
Mon. Mar. 15 .....	6:30 pm .....	JH Winter Sports Awards Recognition Evening (Girls Basketball, Wrestling)
Thurs. Mar. 18 .....	6:30 pm .....	HS Winter Sports Awards Recognition Evening
Thurs. May 20 .....	6:30 pm .....	JH Spring Sports Awards Recognition Evening
Tues. June 8 .....	6:30 pm .....	HS Spring Sports Awards Recognition Evening



## Fairfield Junior - Senior High School Athletic Awards

### High School Athletic Department Awards:

- **Scholar-Athlete Award:** Awarded to a student-athlete who earns an academic GPA of 3.20 or higher (not rounded) for the grading period during their season (Fall – 1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks, Winter – 2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks, Spring – 4<sup>th</sup> Nine Weeks, if possible; otherwise, 3<sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks). The first time a student-athlete earns a scholar-athlete award in their high school career, they will receive the “Scholar-Athlete” patch. The first time during a school year a student-athlete earns a scholar-athlete award they will receive a segment designating their year (Freshmen, Sophomore, Junior, or Senior). In addition, a student-athlete will receive a certificate for any season in which they are designated a scholar-athlete.
- **Athletic Letter Jacket:** May be purchased by a student-athlete after earning their first Varsity ATHLETIC letter. This may be purchased through the Athletic Office following the Awards Night where the first letter is awarded. Numerals may be purchased through the Athletic Office for \$2.00 per numeral
- **Athletic Letter Blanket:** Awarded at the Senior Honors program to any Senior Student-Athlete who has earned eight athletic letters in their high school career at Fairfield.
- **Athlete of the Year:** Awarded to a Senior Male and a Senior Female Athlete at the Senior Honors program. Voted on by the Athletic Council in May of each school year from nominees nominated earlier in the school year. All winners will receive a Certificate, a five-year all-sport pass, a have their picture in a permanent display.
- **Athlete of the Year Nominee:** A deserving Senior Male or Female Athlete may be nominated for the Athlete of the Year Award by a Head Coach. Also, any Senior who has earned an MVP award in their Senior year will be considered a nominee for the Athlete of the Year award. All nominees will be awarded a Certificate and a one-year All-Sport Pass.

### High School Team Awards:

Each High School team will present an MVP, Mental Attitude, and Most Improved Award to their team at the awards program at the end of the season. In addition, other awards may be presented at the conclusion of the season.

### High School Team Patches:

Awarded to each Varsity team member for Conference Season Championships, Conference Tourney Championships, Sectional Team Championships, Regional Team Championships, Semi-State Team Championships, and State Finals Appearances (including team championships).

### High School Individual Patches:

- **All-NECC:** Awarded by the NECC to individuals selected to All-Conference squads;
- Sectional Individual Champion or Regional Qualifier (one patch per event);
- Regional Champion, Semi-State Qualifier, or State Qualifier (one patch per event);
- State Champion or State Medalist (one patch per event);
- In team sports, All-State Designation by AP, ICGSA, or other recognized Coaches organization;
- Recognized Academic All-State First Team.

### Junior High Team Medals:

Awarded to each team member for Conference Championships and individuals for Individual Conference Championships.



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**Because of substantial premium increases, the Fairfield Community Schools will not provide health or accident insurance for injuries incurred by your child at school or in athletics.**

**For this reason, all students involved in athletics should investigate whether they are adequately insured through their parents' family policy or whether they should purchase additional health or accident insurance. We have information about one such policy available in the Athletic Office or the front office at Fairfield.**

**REASONS TO PURCHASE THIS COVERAGE:**

1. Deductibles and co-pay's in your health plan. This plan will provide benefits for medical expenses incurred because of an accident. Many health plans have increased the amount of out-of-pocket expenses. If you have other insurance, our benefits will be applied to your deductible or co-pay. **This policy would become supplemental to your insurance policy.**
2. If you currently carry no insurance. If you have no other insurance this would be a help if an accident or injury would occur.

**To purchase coverage:**

1. Print names, addresses and other information clearly on the form available at the school.
2. Please enclose a check or money order made payable to – STUDENT ASSURANCE SERVICES, INC.
3. Print Student's name on the face of the check.
4. Detach and retain the summary of coverage, and return the envelope to school. **Coverage does not become effective until the premium is received by the School.**
5. All questions regarding the coverage should be directed to Sonny Heinrich, agent, at toll free 1-800-328-2739.

Thank you,

Mark Hofer  
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